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TWO SENTENCED FOR METH CONSPIRACY

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that WILLIAM KIDD, 34, Columbia, South Carolina, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment yesterday by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine. In addition, coconspirator THOMACY EDMOND, 28, Detroit, Michigan, was sentenced to 46 months imprisonment today also by Judge McKinney following her guilty plea to the same charge.

This case was the result of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bloomington Police Department.

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KIDD and EDMOND were arrested by law enforcement officers after an investigation revealed they were involved in a conspiracy to transport cocaine using couriers from Detroit, Michigan to Bloomington, Indiana for distribution from around November 1999 to February 19, 2001.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Melanie C. Conour, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney imposed 5 years supervised release following KIDD'S imprisonment and 3 years supervised release following EDMOND'S imprisonment.

Three co-defendants have already been sentenced in this case. Orlando Reynolds entered a plea of guilty before Judge McKinney on September 5, 2003 and was sentenced to 5 years and 10 months imprisonment and 3 years supervised release. Kevin Morris entered a plea of guilty before Judge McKinney on July 15, 2003 and was sentenced to 10 years and 1 month imprisonment and 5 years supervised release. Jill El Mahmoud entered a plea of guilty before Judge McKinney on August 29, 2003 and was sentenced to 29 months imprisonment and 3 years supervised release.

In a related case, Valerie Williams, who was charged with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, entered a plea of guilty before Judge McKinney and was sentenced to 41 months imprisonment and 4 years supervised release.

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